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THIS CENTER SEES NO EVIDENCE OF A HOLE IN THE PORT SIDE OF THE PERESLAVL ZALESSKIY AS REPORTED IN ITEM 3 REF A. WE SEE PROBABLE CONCUSSION DAMAGE TO THE PORT SIDE OF THE HULL AT THE AFTER PORTION OF ENGINE SPACES INDICATED BY A SLIGHT CONCAVITY OF THE HULL EVIDENT FOR THE FULL FREEBOARD HEIGHT. THE CONCAVITY EXTENDS FROM THE AFTER PORTION OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE TO THE FORWARD PORTION OF THE NO 4 HATCH. NO FIRE DAMAGE IS OBSERVED. QUALITY OF PHOTOGRAPHY PRECLUDES THE IDENTIFICATION OF SMALL SHRAPNEL-TYPE HOLES. YOU WILL NOTE THAT [redacted] REFERENCE CONTAINS DATA WHICH RELATES TO THE PROBABILITY 25X1
OF CONCUSSION DAMAGE. WE DO NOT DENY THAT THE SHIP WAS DAMAGED, BUT WISH MERELY TO POINT OUT THAT WE CAN FIND NO "HOLE." RATHER THAN PUT OUT A FORMAL REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT AND SEND IT TO ALL RECIPIENTS OF THE FIELD REPORT, WE HAVE ELECTED INSTEAD TO PASS OUR JUDGMENT TO YOU FOR WHATEVER ADDITIONAL HANDLING WITHIN MILITARY CHANNELS YOU MAY ELECT TO FOLLOW.
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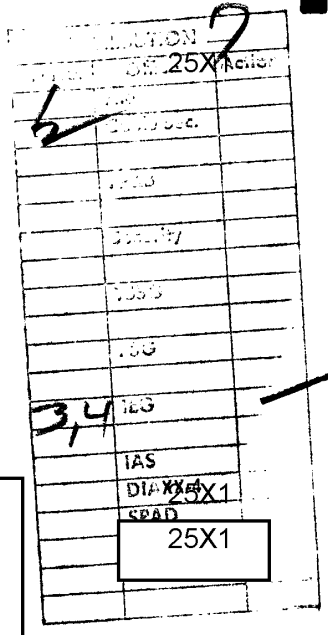

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